## **Dear Montgomery Homeowner:**

You may be eligible for a credit on your property tax, thanks to our program designed to ease the tax burden on low- and moderate-income homeowners.

Last year, 2,500 County homeowners took advantage of the program – but we estimate that many more households may be eligible.

## Here are the details:

- You must own and reside in your home. You must have lived in that home for 6 months or will live in it for 6 of the next 12 months.
- You may be eligible if your annual household income is less than \$35,000.
- The combined net worth of everyone in your household must not exceed \$200,000, not counting the value of your principal residence.
- You must apply for the credit by September 1. You can file an application with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT). You can contact them at 1-800-944-7403 or visit their website at www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/htc.html.

With home assessments rising, we could all use a break on property taxes. If you think you might be eligible for this credit, we urge you to check it out.

Sincerely, Douglas M'Durean Douglas M. Duncan

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